

Application No. 10/693,552

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1, 3-4 and 7-11 are allowed.

Claims 12-22 and 24 stand rejected.

The first paragraph of the specification has been amended to fill in the blanks for copending and issued applications.

Claim Objections

Claims 12 and 16-20 are provisionally rejected under USC § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 12 and 16-20 of copending Application No. 10/063,974. Applicants hereby cancel claims 12 and 16-20.

Double Patenting

Provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Claims 21-22 and 24 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 21-22 and 24 of copending Application No. 10/063,974. This rejection is moot as Applicant submits a terminal disclaimer along with this amendment.

Conclusion

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

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